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SECRETARY'S MORNING SUMMARY FOR JUNE 13, 1989

1. CHINA: LASHING OUT, CRACKING DOWN

PRC MEDIA CONTINUE TO EXCORIATE VOA COVERAGE OF EVENTS IN CHINA, FANG LIZHI, AND THE US EMBASSY FOR HAVING GRANTED TEMPORARY REFUGE TO FANG AND HIS WIFE. CENTRAL RADIO AND TELEVISION YESTERDAY DENOUNCED VOA'S "DISGRACEFUL RUMOR MONGERING" AND RAILED THAT FANG HAD WALKED TO THE US EMBASSY ON THE "DEAD BODIES AND BLOOD" OF CHINESE SOLDIERS. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, PRC CRITICISM HAS BEEN DIRECTED AT SPECIFIC ACTIONS AND AGENCIES RATHER THAN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. IN CONTRAST TO THE SHARP TONE OF COMMENTARY ON US ACTIVITIES, XINHUA REPORTED SOVIET AMBASSADOR TROYANOVSKY HELD A "FRIENDLY TALK AND EXCHANGED VIEWS" WITH VICE PREMIER TIAN JIYUN YESTERDAY.

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SHARP INCREASE IN

RHETORIC YESTERDAY WHEN BEIJING ISSUED ARREST WARRANTS FOR FANG AND HIS WIFE, AND THE PRESS REPORTED PUBLIC CALLS FOR THE EMBASSY TO HAND THEM OVER.

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CANADA HAS RECALLED ITS AMBASSADOR FOR CONSULTATIONS IN THE WAKE OF CHINA'S CRACKDOWN, AND BRITAIN YESTERDAY URGED CHINA IMMEDIATELY TO ALLOW A HONG KONG RESIDENT SEIZED SUNDAY IN SHANGHAI, WHILE IN THE COMPANY OF BRITISH DIPLOMATS, TO RETURN TO THE COLONY. "ANY MALTREATMENT" OF THE INDIVIDUAL, SAID THE FOREIGN OFFICE, "WOULD HAVE THE MOST DAMAGING IMPACT ON CONFIDENCE" IN HONG KONG. MORE REPRESSION. CHINESE OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO CRACK DOWN, WITH AT LEAST 66 NEW ARRESTS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS.

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MORE THAN 700 SUSPECTS NOW HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP, ACCORDING TO PRC MEDIA; FOREIGN OBSERVERS BELIEVE THE TOTAL IS PROBABLY MUCH HIGHER. THE REGIME IS STEPPING UP EFFORTS TO SEAL CHINA OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD; THE POLICE DETAINED AND QUESTIONED A BBC CREW IN BEIJING AND HAS BEEN HARASSING AN ABC GROUP IN SHANGHAI. BY TIGHTENING CONTROL OVER TELECOMMUNICATION

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CHANNELS, THE REGIME SEEKS TO PREVENT INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTS OF
EVENTS IN CHINA FROM ENTERING THE COUNTRY VIA FACSIMILE MACHINES;
100,000 LETTERS FROM ABROAD HAVE BEEN HELD UP, ACCORDING TO PRESS
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